



GE APPLIANCES
a Haier company

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Via email: appliances@energystar.gov
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**Re: GE Appliances', a Haier Company, Comments on ENERGY STAR Product
Specification for Clothes Washers, Eligibility Criteria, Draft 2, Version 8.0**

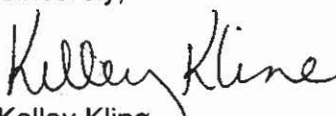
Dear Ms. Kaplan:

GE Appliances, a Haier company (GEA), respectfully submits these comments in regard to ENERGY STAR's proposed specification revisions for clothes washers. GEA has had a long commitment to energy efficiency, including leading in the development and manufacture of energy efficient clothes washers in the U.S., and support for efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) to improve the energy efficiency of our nation's appliances.

Primarily, GEA commends EPA for its decision to not proceed with further development for top-load washers at this juncture. GEA agrees with EPA that a revision to the top-load residential clothes washer criteria is not warranted at this time, and looks forward to working with EPA on such criteria in later revisions to the specification.

In addition, GEA supports the comments submitted by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturer's (AHAM) on this topic, and incorporates them by reference. GEA appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments related to ENERGY STAR's proposed specification revision for clothes washers, and would be happy to answer any questions or provide you anything further you may need.

Sincerely,


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